



Arlington Disability Commission Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Conducted by Hybrid Participation

Attendees: Grace Carpenter (co-chair), Kerrie Fallon, Karen Mathiasen, Michael Rademacher (Public Works Director), Illeana Gatica Herrera, Cynthia DeAngelis, Paul Raia (co-chair)

Guests: Jill Harvey (DEI Division), Tim Ross (DEI Division), Janice Cagan-Teuber

Absent: Paul Parravano (co-chair)

Agenda

1. Call to Order, Read Ground Rules, Welcome (5 min)
 - a. Called to order by DeAngelis at 4:08PM, seconded by Raia
2. Ground rules (2 min)
 - a. [Please don't use Zoom chat/messaging during the meeting, unless that is your primary way to participate in a meeting. The co-chairs have disabilities that make it hard to deal with Zoom chat/messaging]
3. Approve Draft January Meeting Minutes (2 min)
 - a. Cynthia motioned to approve
4. Commissioner Karen Mathiasen (5 min)
 - a. Mathiasen chose not to continue with another term as a commissioner. Thinks we could be more open and accepting.
 - b. Carpenter asked if there are any concrete steps to be more welcoming.
 - c. Mathiasen noted her initial interview was confusing, she wasn't directed where to go. Thinks we need procedures to better operate.
 - d. DeAngelis stated COVID disrupted many operations that we need to recover from.
 - e. Fallon stated that previously when commissioners left they would get a note of appreciation and a certificate from the Town Manager.
 - f. Carpenter noted the difficulty of getting back to in person meetings with the risk of COVID still present.
5. Presentation from Town Counsel Doug Heim (45 min)
6. Commissioner recruitment update (5 min)
 - a. Tabled for March
7. Review April meeting date (5 min)
 - a. April's meeting currently falls on the 19th, school vacation week.
 - b. We will keep the meeting
8. Arlington Reads Together (5 min)
 - a. March 16 at 6PM
 - b. Still need one more panelist, Maureen dropped out.

- c. Table at library is booked out a year in advance, Amanda Troha is working on securing space for us to display info.
- 9. Civilian Police Advisory Board nominee (10 min)
 - a. Tabled for March
- 10. Report on meetings (10 min)
 - a. Tabled for March
- 11. Correspondence (5 min)
 - a. Business owner behind Whittemore Park reach out about issues in the parking lot. He works with disabled children and the only path from the HP spots to his business is up a ramp littered with pot holes, no curb cut on sidewalk next to HP spots. Tim checked with Mike Rademacher, area is scheduled to be fixed this Spring/Summer, let business owner know.
- 12. Subcommittee reports (10 min)
 - a. DEI
 - i. DEI workshops completed wrapped up last month. Equity Audit was released and is available on DEI website page.
 - b. DPW
 - c. Remote Meeting Study Committee
 - i. This will be our last meeting for the hybrid pilot. Please fill out the survey if you haven't done so yet.
 - d. Recreation
 - i. Robbins Farm Playground – third public meeting March 16 at 6PM
- 13. Public Comment (10 min)
- 14. Next meeting Wednesday March 15, 2023 at 4PM
- 15. Closing

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